

**Arkansas Community Meeting
April 2, 2013**

What is EPA's re-entry plan for air monitoring?

As part of the entry plan, EPA and Exxon Mobil will conduct air monitoring to help the Arkansas Department of Health and local officials determine if conditions allow residents to enter their homes.

How will EPA determine when it is safe for residents to return home?

State health authorities and local officials will determine when conditions are met that would allow residents to return home.

Will EPA sign off on the plan for residents to return home?

EPA, as part of the Unified Command, will provide input for consideration by state health authorities and local officials in making the determination of when residents can return to their homes.

How will oil contamination be removed from my property?

The responsible party is using a variety of equipment (vacuum- trucks and sorbent pads) to collect the oil. Pressure washers are also being used to clean oil from non-porous surfaces. Contaminated soil will need to be replaced and some of this work began today.

Where will oil waste go for disposal?

Exxon is taking the oil waste off site to a staging area for testing as we determine the proper disposal. Currently, 15 vacuum trucks and 33 storage tanks are on site to clean up and temporarily store the oil.

How will my property be restored to a pre-spill condition?

Crews are steam cleaning and pressure washing oil from property and starting to plan for the removal of contaminated areas. Cleaning efforts will continue until the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality determines the area meets residential clean up standards.

Will there be truck traffic and noise from clean up operations after I am home?

Exxon will need to ensure remediation efforts are focused on ensuring the safety of the community members and the response workers, and address any community concerns that occur during the response.

Where do the odors come from? Are they dangerous?

The odors come from the oil released during the spill. Air quality monitoring is still being conducted and are below levels of concerns.

What air monitoring is being conducted by EPA? What are the constituents?

We are conducting air monitoring for VOCs and hydrogen sulfide. Continuous air quality monitoring is being conducted by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and ExxonMobil, and data will be provided to the Arkansas department of health.

What does the air monitoring data show?

Current air quality readings are below levels likely to cause health effects with the exception of the cleanup areas where the emergency responders are directly working. Workers in those areas have air quality monitors and breathing equipment for use when necessary.

How do I get a copy of the air monitoring data?

The data will be made available on the ADEQ website. We can provide a link to the website once the data is made available.

How do I request air sampling at my home?

Once residents have returned to their homes, EPA will provide information to request air monitoring.

Does EPA review and verify the RP air monitoring data?

EPA is conducting independent air monitoring to verify the responsible parties information. EPA and state agencies are also reviewing the responsible party data for quality assurance.

How long will EPA be here?

EPA will oversee the recovery efforts until complete.

How is air monitoring being conducted?

At the request of Arkansas Department Emergency Management - EPA continues to conduct 24 hour air monitoring to help state and local authorities in making public health decisions for response personnel and residents.

How will the wetlands be affected?

US Fish and Wildlife is working closely with EPA on guiding recovery efforts in wetlands. Both agencies are working with Arkansas Game and Fish - who are lead department for wetlands recovery.

What is the cause of spill?

The cause of the event is currently being investigated by the Department of Transportation Pipeline Management of Safety Administration.